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Platoon No. 1 of the Border Guard

1. Platoon No. 1 of an undesignated regiment of the Border Guard patrols a sector of the frontier extending 4 kms. on either side of the village of Lunga.

Daytime Operations

2. The area is patrolled by troops and provided with observation towers. In the sector covered by Platoon No. 1 there are 6 such towers, all of which have telephonic communication with the troops. Three of the towers are equipped with telephonic inter-communication facilities.
3. Each tower is guarded by three men whose armament consists of 1 automatic pistol, 1 automatic gun, 1 Snajerkom (sic)<sup>2</sup> gun, and 3 binoculars. The first shift goes on duty at 0400 hours and is relieved at 1200 hours by the second shift, which stays on duty until nightfall. Observers in the towers are normally privates. On special holidays officers and non-commissioned officers take over the tower duty. The tower observers keep a "log" in which they make notes of anything seen on Yugoslav territory.
4. Reports from the tower concerning observations are made by telephone to the platoon command. Those towers without inter-tower telephones communicate by signal with other towers. One signal is the lifting of both hands (sic) which is interpreted as "attention"; the motioning of hands (sic) to the left and right alerts the sentry in the other tower to prepare to receive a message.
5. If a person is detected attempting to escape into Yugoslavia, a shot is fired; if a person is detected attempting to enter Rumania, no signal is given until he is caught.
6. During daytime the platoon sends out three patrols of three soldiers each, to check designated areas. One patrol covers the so-called "soft zone" along the

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Rumanian side of the frontier. The "soft zone" is a portion of terrain which was plowed and leveled. This patrol is usually carried out at 5:00 o'clock.<sup>3</sup> Another patrol makes the rounds of the observation towers. The third patrol checks on the peasants who work on the frontier.

7. Usually about 30 soldiers are used to patrol the frontier sector under the jurisdiction of Platoon No. 1. The daytime guard is inspected almost daily by an officer.

#### Night Operations

8. During the full moon or when visibility conditions warrant, the guard is organized into watch posts. Platoon No. 1 organizes 34 watch posts of 3 soldiers each. The soldiers on duty start their watch at 2000 hours and finish at 0400 hours. They operate in two shifts. Shift No. 1 has 17 watch posts on duty from 2000 to 2400 hours. Shift No. 2 has 17 watch posts on duty from 2400 to 0400 or 0500 hours. The location of the posts varies from day to day.<sup>4</sup>
9. The watch posts are usually placed in ditches, at crossroads or other strategic places. They are at distances of from 50 to 700 meters from the frontier. They are separated from each other by 100, 200, 300, or 500 meters, depending on the locations of the strategic points. The entire territory is covered by the posts.
10. The soldiers manning the posts are ordered to capture alive anyone attempting to cross the frontier in either direction. Only when such capture appears impossible are they permitted to shoot the person.
11. On dark nights mobile posts are added to the regular posts. Each platoon has three trained dogs which accompany the soldiers on duty. From time to time there is an officer's inspection.

#### Obstacles Placed on the Frontier

12. In the sector guarded by Platoon No. 1 there is a barbed wire fence along the frontier. It is located at 3 to 4 meters from the frontier stakes. A mine field, covering the entire length of the sector, starts 8 to 9 meters inside the barbed wire fence. This mine field is 8 to 9 meters wide. The mines, which are of the anti-infantry type, were installed in December 1951 by a unit of engineers which came from the interior of the country. They have been sown in two rows, the mines in each row being located 1 meter apart. The mines in the second line are placed in spots left uncovered by the mines of the front line. All mines are connected with each other by wire and they explode when stepped upon or fired at. Eight to nine meters from the mine field is an area of free terrain. After that comes the "soft zone", also 8 to 9 meters in width. In the sector patrolled by Platoon No. 1 there is only one "soft zone" which is plowed and leveled every 15 days. There are no permanent fortifications in this sector, only scattered trenches and fox holes. There are trenches around each observation tower.<sup>5</sup>

#### Platoon No. 3 of the 2 Battalion in the 4 Border Guard Regiment<sup>6</sup>

13. Platoon No. 3 guards a sector extending 4 kilometers along the frontier in the Barsava Canal area.

#### Daytime Operations

14. The area is patrolled by troops and provided with 4 observation towers. Each tower is manned by 3 soldiers whose equipment consists of the following: 1 automatic pistol, 2 rifles, grenades, and binoculars.

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15. The day guard operates in 3 shifts. The first shift is on duty from 0400 to 1000 hours; the second shift is on duty from 1000 to 1500 hours; the third shift is on duty from 1500 hours until dark. From time to time patrols are sent to check on the peasants who work on their land near the frontier. There are 2 patrols a day which check on the "soft zone"; 1 at 0300 which returns after 2 hours, and 1 which starts the rounds at 1600 and returns at nightfall.

Night Operations

16. In Platoon No. 3 the night shifts guard their area by means of watch posts and mobile posts. The shifts are as follows: No. 1 goes on duty at nightfall and remains until 0100. No. 2 is on duty from 0100 until dawn. Each shift mans 2 watch posts (stationary) and 8 mobile posts. All posts are manned by 3 soldiers. There is one watch post by the Barzova Canal.
17. The equipment of each post consists of 1 automatic pistol, 2 rifles, 2 grenades. The patrols which are sent to check on the posts during the night have trained dogs with them.

Obstacles Placed on the Frontier

18. In the sector of Platoon No. 3 there is a barbed wire fence. Forty to fifty meters from the barbed wire fence, there is a "soft zone" which is 4 to 5 meters wide. The entire sector is mined. The mined field runs parallel to the barbed wire fence at a distance of 2 meters from the fence. The approximate width of the mined field is 3 meters. There are no other fixed fortifications. From place to place there are trenches, prepared for use in case of an alarm.

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